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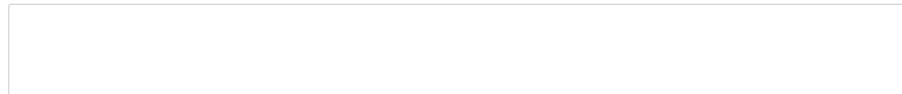
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Successful Kenyon event and an old school question

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I had the opportunity to visit with Bryan Hagen yesterday afternoon to recap the Kenyon Carriage & Cutter Day.

He said he was quite proud of Teesa StJohn, the Jaycees and everyone who stepped in to make the day's events run smoothly.

It is always a bit different when someone new takes over the organization of a big event. The parade entry numbers were down from last year, however the big snowstorm of Thursday/Friday may have snowed some folks in to where they could not get their trailers out in time.

That morning my son said he really wanted to run the 5K race, so I adjusted my schedule to sign him up. It was a good choice, because he ran well and won his 14 and under age division. I did not get to walk the parade route as planned, having spent more time talking with people on the street and taking pictures at the petting zoo. My daughter was invited to ride on one of the carriages in the parade, a "first" for her.

Terri Washburn

This parade has been a Kenyon tradition since about 1979, when the early sleighs and cutters did go on runners. Local men ran ahead of the parade with shovels, scooping snow onto the street. Now most people use wagons or carts in the parade and save the sleigh runners for driving on the farm.

The old school question

I have been perusing Kenyon history again this month with new enthusiasm as the demolition of the old K-W school building looms closer. Tom Nygaard from Nygaard Repair brought in six great old photos of the school, dating back to the original building before part of it was removed to become the Kenyon Hotel shortly after the turn of the century. He also showed me a ceramic salt shaker with the picture of the old school on it.

I wonder what other old school treasures there are around town?

Last week, Karen Simmons and Mary Graffunder (both Johnson girls from Kenyon) wrote a concerned letter to the editor asking if the rectangular pediment with the name and year of the school could be saved and added to Depot Park in the interests of historical preservation. That idea was brought up at city council when the project was bid, and

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